



Arizona Game and Nish Commission

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SUBJECT:

Honorable Dan E. Garvey Governor of Arizona Capitol Building Phoenix, Arizona

Dear Governor:

You will no doubt remember the discrepancy in the deeds to Fort Huachuca relative to the division of land between the Arizona Game and Fish Commission and the Arizona National Guard.

This discrepancy was made known to the state several months ago and upon the advice of a representative of the War Assets Administration and the Attorney General's office it was decided that the deed to the Game and Fish Commission's portion of Fort Huachuca was adequate. On this fact the Game Department has submitted a considerable number of wildlife research and development projects for the Fort Huachuca area.

We have transplanted recently 71 antelope from our range in northern Arizona to the Fort in the hope that this herd may be used as a nucleus for restocking the entire southern Arizona antelope ranges. We have gone to considerable expense to fence the entire outside boundary in such a manner as to deter the escape of antelope from the designated area.

We have ranging there 115 head of buffalo translocated from our House Rock Valley herd. We have also trapped and transplanted wild turkey, chukar partridge, California quail and Benson quail.

We are in the process of setting up a wildlife research program designed to obtain information on the relationships of game animals to range conditions in cooperation with the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the University of Arizona.

All of the above mentioned projects are quite expensive and are based on the precept that that portion of the Fort mentioned in the Game and Fish Commission deed will be solely administered by the Game and Fish

Commission.

The real estate division of the Army Engineers advises us that the deed for the area is being rewritten in accordance with a request that all discrepancies be eliminated from the present deed. We have been informed by the Phoenix office of the Army Engineers that there will be no change in the present division of land or to the State Agencies to which the land is allotted.

The Arizona Game and Fish Commission would appreciate receiving any information that you might have relative to the change in the present deeds and whether or not you favor any revision of the present description and allotments to the Game and Fish Commission and the National Guard.

Very truly yours,

Arizona Game and Fish Commission

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